

"Her Foundations are upon the holy hills."

"Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

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POETRY.

THE COUNTRY GRAVEYARD.

By Mrs. Ellie Watson.

Where the leaves, at eve do rustle...

There, in quiet beauty lying...

There, beneath a spreading walnut...

They have carved upon the tombstone...

Blessed words, and O how soothing...

Far above this world of sorrow...

STATISTICS OF EDUCATION IN CANADA.

The rapid progress of events in modern times quickly abridges the statistics...

The following interesting table showing the comparative state of education in America and Europe, is from the latest returns:

Table with columns: State, Scholars to whole Population, Children Schol age, etc.

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per period the ratio was 76 per cent; or in the whole population, in 1842, the ratio of scholars was 141 per cent, and in 1853, 23 per cent.

The difference in favor of Upper Canada in the first rank among educated countries. In any of the United States the highest ratio of scholars to population was in 1850, only one in three, or 33 per cent.

The Statistics of Lower Canada refer only to the year 1853-4, and hence no comparison of periods is possible. In that year the condition of education was detailed in the following summary:

In Upper Canada about 28 per cent, of the population are of school age. On the same basis, the number of school children in Lower Canada would be 249,500, and hence the proportion attending schools to those who should be is only 43 per cent.

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Your generous sympathy and cordial commendation, accompanied by fervent aspiration for the best welfare of my family and myself, could not fail to prove deeply gratifying, and to me, as an old friend of all, and the father of a majority of you. Such a old pastor of a majority of you.

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three portions, each of which was to contain its advanced part nearly the whole of the attacking division; and the reserves were to be placed some in the old trenches, which were well adapted to hold them, and others in the Karabelina and Carzenago ravines.

It was of the first importance in order to deceive the enemy, that the assembling of all these troops should take place without observation, and for this purpose all the lines of communication leading to our advanced places d'armes had been examined with great care, and wherever they permitted the enemy to see our men, the protecting crests were raised so as to give sufficient covering.

At the left attacks, as well as at those of the right, detachments of engineers and of artillery, furnished with tools, had been appointed at the head of each column of attack. The Sappers were to be ready with their tools, and the use of each auxiliary of the advanced guard, which they had been placed forward in the case of the attack, was to be furnished with hammers, and all kinds of tools proper to spike or unscrew guns; a case might be, and to turn against the enemy those which should be conquered. Moreover, in the first battalions of each division, a certain number of men were to be furnished with handy tools, and fit to open passages in their waist-belts, and fit to open passages in their waist-belts, and fit to open passages in their waist-belts.

It was then agreed between General Simpson and myself that we should deliver a decisive attack. The generals commanding the artillery and engineers of both armies were unanimously of opinion that this should be our next measure. The 8th of September was the day fixed for the purpose.

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At the right and centre, with that same impetuous dash which had overthrown so many obstacles and forced the enemy to fly, the divisions Dulac and de la Motterouge, led by their chiefs, had seized the Little Redan at the Caroening Bay and the Curtain, forcing their way as far as the second escarpment that was being constructed. Everywhere we were in possession of the works attacked. But this first and brilliant success had near cost us very dear. Struck by a large splinter from a bomb in his right side, Gen. Bosquet was compelled to quit the field of battle. I confided the command to Gen. Dulac, who was admirably seconded by Gen. de Liniers, chief of the staff of the 2nd corps.

The engineers who accompanied the storming columns were already at work; they filled up the ditches, opened passages, and threw across the breaches of the works attacked. The second brigade followed the troops in the Malakoff. I gave the signal agreed upon with Gen. Simpson for the attack on the Great Redan, and shortly after for the attack on the town.

The English had 200 metres to cross under a heavy shower of grape. This space was soon strewn with dead and wounded. This did not stop the march of the storming column, which advanced towards the ditch, which is nearly five metres deep, and, despite all the efforts of the Russians, it scaled the escarpment, and carried the first line of the Redan. There, after the first burst of the engagement, which cost the Russians dear, the English soldiers found in front of them only a vast open space, in front of which the enemy, who kept himself close behind some distant traverses. Those who came up hardly replaced those who had been disabled. It was not until they had sustained for nearly two hours this equal contest that the English decided on evacuating the Redan. They did so with so firm an aspect that the enemy did not dare follow.

In the meantime, on the left, at the appointed signal, the columns of Lavaillant's division, commanded by Gens Couston and Trochu, dashed headlong against the left flank of the Central Bastion and the left lunette. In spite of a shower of balls and projectiles, and after a very sharp contest, the spirit and vigour of these brave troops triumphed over the enemy's resistances, and notwithstanding the accumulated difficulties in their front, they forced their way into the two works. But their enemy having fallen back on their successive traverses, kept their ground everywhere.

A murderous fire of musketry opened from every ridge. Guns unmarked for the first time and pieces brought up to several points, vomited grape and decimated the ranks of the enemy. The 1st and 2nd divisions, Gens Couston and Trochu, which had just been wounded, were obliged to give up their command. Gens Rivet and Breton were killed; several mine-chambers, fired by the enemy, produced a number of casualties. A long and bloody attack in their turn our troops abandoned the works they had carried and to retire into our advanced pieces d'armes.

Our batteries on this part of the attacks, skilfully conducted by Gen. Leobert, aided as devotedly and intelligently as possible by the young Admiral Rigault de Genouilly, changed the direction of their fire while increasing its intensity, and compelled the enemy to take shelter behind the parapets. Gen. de Salles, caused d'Automarre's division to advance, was preparing during this time a second and formidable attack; but as we had secured the possession of the Malakoff, I sent word to him not to let it advance.

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THE BALTIC.

Intelligence has been received from Riga, dated the 25th ult. It is to the effect that four liners, one frigate, and three corvettes, bombarded the batteries of Dunabunde for three hours on the morning of the 24th day, without, however, doing any effect. The ships then went on to be bombarded the place for two hours, but made no effect.

These arrangements became, however, unnecessary. The enemy, hopeless of retaking the Malakoff, took an important resolution--he evacuated the town. Towards the close of the day I had suspicion of this, for I had seen long lines of troops and baggage bank, and the configuration which arose in every direction soon removed all doubt. I should have liked to push forward, gain the bridge, and cut off the enemy's retreat; but the besieged was at every moment blowing up one or other of his defences, his powder magazines, and his establishments. These explosions would have destroyed us in detail, and so they rendered the idea impracticable. We remained in position until the day should arise upon this scene of desolation.

The sun in rising lighted upon this work of destruction, which was very much greater than we had been able to imagine. The last Russian vessels anchored the evening before, in the roadstead were sunk; the bridge was disconnected; the enemy had only reserved his steamers, which carried off the last fugitives and some infuriated Russians who were still walking amongst the fires in this unhappy city. But presently these men, as well as the steamers, were driven to seek refuge in the indentations of the bank north of the roadstead.

This terminated this memorable siege, during which the army of relief has been twice defeated in order of battle, and the offensive and defensive means of which have attained to colossal proportions. The besieging army had, at its various attacks, 800 guns in battery, which have fired more than 1,600,000 times; and our approaches, executed in the course of 335 days, in rocky ground, and presenting an extent of more than 80 kilometres (20 leagues) have been executed under the constant fire of the place and disturbed by incessant combats day and night.

As you see, Monsieur le Maréchal, these losses are numerous; many of them are deeply to be regretted, but yet they are less than I had reason to fear. Every one, Monsieur le Maréchal, from the general to the soldier, has glorious done his duty, and the army of which the Emperor may be justly proud, has deserved well of your Excellency. That would be task that would be out of place here.

It had been arranged that the fleets of Admiral Lyons and Bruat should come and bring their broadsides to bear at the entrance of the Sebastopol roadstead, so as to effect a powerful diversion. But it blew a heavy gale from the north east, which, while it annoyed us very much on land, rendered the sea exceedingly rough, and prevented the ships from leaving their moorings. The English and French bomb-ketches were nevertheless, able to act, and they fired most successfully into the roadstead, and the various wharves who had landed and the various magazines were the worthy rivals of the ship gunners, and distinguished themselves by the vigor and precision of their fire.

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We reached the Danish settlements of Upernivik on the 6th August...

I have the honor to submit a hurried outline of our operations and results...

To the north the ice presented a drifting pack of the heaviest description...

The extreme strength of the Advance enabled her to sustain this trying navigation...

The winter was of heretofore unrecorded severity. Whiskey froze as early as Nov...

This extreme cold, combined with one hundred and twenty days of absence of sun...

The operations of search were carried on under circumstances of peculiar hardship...

Greenland has been traced to its northern face, the coast trending nearly due east...

It explains the broken and permanently frozen character of Upper Smith's Sound...

The northern land into which this glacier merges has been named Washington...

Peabody bay gives exit at its western curve (lat. 80 deg. 12m.) to a large channel...

It is with pain that I mention to the department my inability to navigate the waters...

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DETAILS FROM THE CRIMEA.

THE ALLIES IN SEBASTOPOL.

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21.

The stillness, which is almost startling, after the mighty tumults which have broken on our ears...

At daybreak this morning, I saw through the mist, on the Mackenzie ridge, a numerous line of watchfires...

The second winter was one of extreme trial. We were obliged, as a measure of policy, to live the lives of the Esquimaux...

With these Esquimaux—a race of the highest interest—we formed a valuable alliance, sharing our resources...

I have to report the loss of three of my comrades—brave men who perished in the direct discharge of their duty...

Knowing that a third winter would be fatal, and that we were too much invested by ice for an expedition from the Sound...

The organization of this journey was carefully matured to meet the alternating contingencies of ice and water...

Our greatest difficulty was the passage of an extensive zone of ice which intervened between the brig and the nearest southern water...

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THE ADDRESS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

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The following is the reply of His Excellency to the address presented by the Warden and County Council:

Mr. Warden and Gentlemen of the County Council of Wentworth.

The County which you represent is a portion of the magnificent district of Upper Canada, the progress of which has recently astonished the world.

Your surplus produce is now contributing to feed Europe, and the industry and enterprise which have supplied this produce...

I receive the Address of the Warden and County Council of Wentworth, as presented by the worthy representatives of that system, greeting me on my first arrival in Western Canada.

Your assurance of attachment to your Sovereign—your joy at the success of the Allied arms, and the manner in which you join in receiving me this day...

I thank you sincerely for the good wishes you express towards myself, and so long as I remain in North America I hope I shall witness unflinching prosperity and happiness in the County of Wentworth.

A PRAYER For the Fleets and Armies of our Most Gracious Queen.

O Eternal Lord God, Who alone spreadest out the heavens, and hast laid the foundations of the earth; Who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night...

A PRAYER For those who suffer by the Calamities of War.

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The United States, and this power is the foundation of Romish error and superstition. The vigour of the Church and her beauty of holiness we should pray will be manifest, and that Papal power and all the powers of darkness may yield to Gospel light and truth.

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The question of Pews led to somewhat lengthened discussion—and the arguments for and against were asserted to be well worthy of respectful consideration.

They were weighed accordingly; and with such rigid impartiality that for some time it was impossible to tell to which side the opinion of the Archdeacon himself inclined.

The objectionable expedient of a subscription list was adverted to and the decided superiority of pew rents both as regards certainty and comfort was emphatically stated.

The next advantage of pews was said to be that families are enabled to worship together and the younger members thereof are thus kept under the eye of their parents whose immediate presence is a restraint upon any irreverence or unbecoming conduct...

With all possible respect for the Archdeacon we beg leave to demur to both these points. We may perhaps admit them to be alleviations of a great evil, but we object to their being stated as in themselves "Advantages." There can be no advantage in what is evil, and we hold pews to be one of the greatest evils that ever afflicted the church.

We hold also that it is one which might be got rid of if we were heartily to contend against it on this broad ground of Christian principle, instead of weighing it in the balances of expediency. We have had some practical experience of the working both of pews and free seats in rural districts, and we think that the latter can be made to answer without suffering in either of the points which are set forth as the distinguishing advantages of pews—and if free seats can be made efficient in rural districts, there can be no doubt that they are yet more suitable for populous towns.

The Archdeacon having shown the advantages of pews, next proceeded to point out their disadvantages; the first of which was the unquestionable waste of room which



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THE CHARGE OF THE ARCH-DEACON OF YORK. HAVING in our previous article upon this subject considered the remarks of the Dignitary above named on Churches, Worship, and Ecclesiastical Revenue, we now proceed to make some observations on the remaining topics upon which he touched.

The question of Pews led to somewhat lengthened discussion—and the arguments for and against were asserted to be well worthy of respectful consideration.

They were weighed accordingly; and with such rigid impartiality that for some time it was impossible to tell to which side the opinion of the Archdeacon himself inclined.

The objectionable expedient of a subscription list was adverted to and the decided superiority of pew rents both as regards certainty and comfort was emphatically stated.

The next advantage of pews was said to be that families are enabled to worship together and the younger members thereof are thus kept under the eye of their parents whose immediate presence is a restraint upon any irreverence or unbecoming conduct...

With all possible respect for the Archdeacon we beg leave to demur to both these points. We may perhaps admit them to be alleviations of a great evil, but we object to their being stated as in themselves "Advantages." There can be no advantage in what is evil, and we hold pews to be one of the greatest evils that ever afflicted the church.



AND THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

OCTOBER 28.—SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE.

1. Jude the servant of Jesus Christ and the brother of James.—Jude 1.

Of the two Apostles, whom this day commemorates, there is no memorial of St. Simon but his place in the catalogue of the Apostles. And St. Jude, whose epistle we have, does not put forward his claims as an apostle, but speaks of himself merely as one of the servants of Jesus Christ, and the brother of the Bishop of Jerusalem. Yet both these were equal in the Apostleship to the highest. So little did they, or those who worked with them, think of fame and renown. May I do my work in my day as the servant of Jesus, and leave to him to give me my own recompense.

2. If they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.—John xi. 20.

Jesus when upon earth, worked on in teaching those who resorted to him, not looking to see immediate fruits of his instruction, and knowing that the most of those who heard him would not keep his sayings. But we are too apt to be discouraged by want of success, and flag in our exertions; not considering that the work is not ours but God's, that we have no right to expect to be more successful than our Master, and that nothing is required of us but what is in our power, that is, to do the work allotted to us. Let me go on simply in the path of duty, and leave results with Him to whom they belong.

OCTOBER 29.

1. Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil.—Hob. ii. 9.

It is natural to us to desire certainty and security, to ensure to ourselves the good we have and to preserve ourselves from the evils we dread. But that is not the will of God concerning us. He would have us depend on him for our daily bread and live as pilgrims upon earth. Therefore when we set our hearts on certainty and security here, we are sure to be tempted to an evil covetousness. Give me, Lord, to aim, not at the comfort of myself or my house, but that we may all do thy will and receive whatever thou wilt.

2. Taking the shield of faith.—Eph. vi. 16.

The temptations of the wicked one assail the soul like sharp arrows, which, if not averted, pierce it and destroy its life. The most effectual defence against them is faith; a firm reliance on God; a belief that all he commands is good, and all he forbids evil; that in doing his will is life, in going against it death; that he is with those who adhere to him, in time and in eternity. The soul which has these persuasions constantly upon it is proof against all temptation to evil; for they find no entrance into it. O that my faith may be strong and habitual.

OCTOBER 30.

1. The earth shall be filled with the knowledge and glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Hab. ii. 14.

When these words were spoken, scarcely more than one nation knew God at all; and but few in that nation knew his glory. Since that time the most of the nations, of three quarters of the globe know him, and tens of thousands for the greater part of two thousand years have departed to their rest, knowing his glory in their own eternal salvation. Yet we rely upon all our God's promises, however far they appear from being fulfilled.

2. Take the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.—Eph. vi. 17.

The helmet covers the head, which is the seat of thought and will; and the hope of salvation is that which keeps our courage from failing and therefore sustains our will and thoughts in working in the cause of God. But in the Christian warfare we need not only to defend ourselves, but to attack our enemies, sin and Satan, and no weapon is so effectual as the word of God, which is a sword supplied by the spirit of God. May I always hold fast the hope of immortality, and as the word of God is destroying sin both in myself and in others.

OCTOBER 31.

1. The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.—Hab. ii. 20.

As the Lord was anciently in the earthly temple, so is he now in the heavenly, even in his church. In it he is worshipped; and from it his presence goes forth, like the ark of old, to overthrow the forces and pull down the strongholds of wickedness. And it is in vain for the powers of earth to resist; for he will prevail. The best for them to do is to reverence his presence in his church and submit to his sway. O let me welcome thy presence, O Lord; and not only reverence thee, but worship in thy temple.

2. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit.—Eph. vi. 18.

Besides the armour we take to ourselves in our conflict with our great enemy, we need help from one mightier than all. Our contending is necessary, because it is we that must conquer; but it is not by itself effectual. Hence we must always add prayer; and that earnest, passing and humble; beseeching the throne of grace with all prayer and supplication. And this prayer must be the voice of the Holy Spirit within us, desiring for us such things as our Father desires to bestow. O may my heart be filled with this prayer. O Holy Spirit, direct thou.

ALL SAINTS.

1. A great multitude which no man could number, of all nations and kindred and people and tongue, clothed in white robes and palms in their hands.—Rev. vii. 9.

These will have been judged according to their works; and found righteous before God. Yet their righteousness is not such as would stand itself, but such as he in his mercy and goodness chooses to regard as such. Their robes by nature were stained with sin, but they have washed them and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. That strengthened their faith and warmed their hearts with love, and thus they were enabled to struggle with evil within and without and to gain the victory. Thus they are holy in heart and life, yet their holiness is all of God. O may I one day have my part with that blessed company.

2. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.—Matt. v. 8.

We cannot have in this world an absolute purity; for the tendency to evil always cleaves to us here-on earth. But we may have a relative purity. Our whole desire may be towards purity. We may hate and strive against the impurity which still remains in us. Our whole will, without reserve, and our whole love, may be on the side of purity. And when that is the case, God accepts us through Christ as pure, and will admit us to his glorious presence. Having this hope, may I daily purify myself, even as He is pure.

NOVEMBER 2.

1. My son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother.—Prov. i. 8.

God has placed parents over us, to train into obedience and fit us to serve him; and he has fitted them in one degree or another for this purpose, by love to us and by a greater knowledge of good and evil. It is then our duty and happiness to recognize them as our instructors, and to obey their precepts. Especially must we not yield to the temptation to resist the law of the mother: for God's authority is equally with her and his law speaks in her law. Forgive me, Lord, my neglect of this duty, and help me to seek how to perform what of it still is possible to me.

2. Go thy way thy son liveth.—John iv. 49.

The father besought Jesus to come and raise his son from the brink of the grave; Jesus, without coming, rewarded his faith by the assurance of his recovery, and tried it by bidding him depart. And he believed and went his way. And so now he is ready to heal the soul of those dear to us. He is present by his power, now as of old. Let us go to him and implore his power, and rely that it shall be exercised. However deadly be their souls, let us rely confidently that he can and will give them new life.

NOVEMBER 3.

1. That they may eat the fruit of their own way and be filled with their own devices.—Prov. i. 31.

It is not a sign of God's favour to us, but the reverse, when we are left without restraint to please ourselves. That shows that he is weary with striving to save us; that we have rejected his promises and set at naught his reproofs and gone obstinately in the way of error, and are now abandoned to ourselves. The next step will be that we shall eat of the evil fruit of our own way and be filled to surfeiting with our own devices. O gracious Lord, leave me not to myself; but spare no means to bring me back to thee.

2. Himself believed and his whole household.—John iv. 30.

This was the blessed effect of the mercy of Jesus, improved by an honest heart. First affliction taught him the need of an Almighty Helper. Then a slight faith held him to Jesus, if perhaps he might find that help in him. Then he believed Jesus, when he said go thy way, thy son liveth. And when he found those words fulfilled, he not only believed the cure, but he believed in Jesus wholly, and yielded himself to be his disciple. Lastly all the household followed the faith of the Master. O the blessed efforts of following the first weak leadings of faith. Let me always follow on whether the good voice within leads me.

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